

B² 53. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the transcriptional regulatory sequence is from a Th2-associated cytokine gene.

54. (New) The method of claim 53, wherein the Th2-associated cytokine gene is an interleukin-4 gene.

D 55. (New) The method of claim 50, wherein the indicator cell is a yeast cell.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were present in the application as filed. Claims 1-34 have been canceled herein. Claims 35-55 have been added. Accordingly, claims 35-55, drawn to methods of identifying compounds that modulate the activity of a maf family protein or modulate an immune response, are currently pending in the application.

No new matter has been added. Support for the new claims can be found in originally filed claims 32-34 and throughout the specification, for example, page 36, line 4 through page 40, line 4. Support for new claims 40, 51, and 52 can be found at, for example, page 7, line 32 through page 8, line 1. Support for claims 44-48 can be found at, for example, page 37, lines 18-21. Support for new claim 50 can be found at, for example, page 39, lines 4-14.


Cancellation of and/or amendment to the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections. The cancellation of and/or amendments to the claims are being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the instant or in another patent application.

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SUMMARY

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Agent would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the examiner is urged to call Applicants' Agent at (617) 227-7400.

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